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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Clark County Mental Health Advisory Board Minutes July 28, 2004

Board Members: Judi Borchers, Bob Fizzell, Randall Kleinhesselink, Pat McConnaughey, Tom Stallone, Quan Tran, David Weniger, Kristin Murphy, Deb Wallace, Samara Gilroy-Hicks

Members Present: David Weniger, Bob Fizzell, Quan Tran, Judi Borchers

Staff Present: Midge Burmaster, Connie Mom-Chhing, Tracy Stief

Members Excused: Deb Wallace, Tom Stallone, Samara Gilroy-Hicks, Pat McConnaughey

Members Absent: Randall Kleinhesselink, Kristin Murphy

Guests: Jonnie Hyde (Mental Health Northwest), Kim Varnal (MH Ombudsman), David Reed (Columbia River Mental Health Services), Don Koenig (Catholic Community Services), Pat Beckett (Children's Center), Cheryl Ayers (Family Solutions), Rick Gordon (ProtoCall)

Agenda Item	DISCUSSION	DISCUSSION LEADERS	DECISIONS, ACTIONS, MOTIONS, ASSIGNMENTS
I. Meeting Minutes Approval	The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by David Weniger, Chair.	David Weniger	Approval of minutes was tabled to the next meeting due to lack of a quorum.
II. A. Manager's Report	<p>Midge introduced Kim Varnal who has filled the role of MH Ombudsman for Clark County. Kim has received training from Beverly Miller from the Washington Institute for Mental Health Research and Training. Additional training on negotiation, mediation, and mandatory reporting will take place with David Black who is also a MH Ombudsman from Timberland RSN. As soon as the new 1-800 number is received Kim will visit MH agencies to inform them of her new position and phone number.</p> <p>Mike Piper, Director, Clark County Department of Community Services, sent a notice to stakeholders announcing Cheri Dolezal's new role with DSHS and the Mental Health Division's Mental Health Task Force. She will coordinate the work groups and oversee activities related to the Task Force for the next 18 months. Jerry</p>	Midge Burmaster	

	<p>Dolezal, Mike Piper and Midge will pick up her duties in the interim.</p> <p>The new contract amendment was received from the Mental Health Division. The MHD does not have new rates from CMS at this time.</p> <p>Staff changes at the MHD include: Darlene Vernon moving from Quality Management to Operations and Kris Imhoff has moved to the Washington Medicaid Integration pilot project. An internal recruitment is being conducted to fill the Quality Management vacancy.</p> <p>The Community Based Care initiative was delayed allowing the PALS unit at WSH to remain open through 2004.</p> <p>The Legislative Task Force invited the CCRSN to testify on the decision to move to a Medicaid-only system last fall. Midge distributed an outline of the meeting and a document that gives an overview of mental health services and financing. The Task Force meetings are open to the public and opportunity for public testimony typically occurs prior to meeting adjournment.</p> <p>The recommendations from the Children's Task Force and summary of stakeholder meetings were distributed to the board.</p> <p>Planning is underway for a Legislative Breakfast to take place prior to the November election. Current legislators and candidates will be invited to learn about key mental health issues. The board will be informed when a date is set.</p>		
II. B. Quality Manager's Report	<p>In the absence of Karyl Ramsey and Sela Barker, Midge gave an update on preparations for several audits including the External Quality Review Organization site review taking place in October, the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services audit due August 6th, and the Mental Health Division Data Cost Survey due in mid-August.</p> <p>In August, Kathy Bolmer will go to provider locations to train staff on how to code and document to a Medicaid system.</p>	Midge Burmaster	
II. C. Data Reports	<p>In the absence of Jerry Dolezal, Midge reported that data reports for the last 6 months will be available soon.</p>	Midge Burmaster	
III. Wellness Project Update	<p>Jonnie Hyde, Director, Mental Health Northwest, gave a presentation on the progress of the Wellness Project. A handout was distributed with a description of The Wellness Project and information on becoming involved. They are receiving approximately 100 calls per week from people seeking services. There are 90 people currently receiving services. This has required about 700 volunteer hours</p>	Jonnie Hyde	

	per month. They have leased a facility on the corner of Main Street and 39 th Street where they will be co-locating with CVAB and NAMI. Once a full-time Clinical Director is hired, hours of operation will be from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 9:00 to 4:00 on Fridays; and 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays. An open house for the new location is scheduled for September 15 th .		
IV. Protocol Update	Rick Gordon, Account Manager, ProtoCall Services Inc., gave an overview of the numbers served for the time period June, 2003 through June, 2004. The average number of calls has increased by about 200 per month for January through June 2004 as compared to the same time period in 2003. Rick invited board members to visit their location when renovations are completed in September.	Rick Gordon	
V. MHAB Sub-Committee Reports	<p>Membership – George Delgado has submitted his resignation effective immediately. Kris Long has decided not to submit her letter requesting placement on the board. This leaves three positions open on the board, two of which are for Substance Abuse Advisory Board members.</p> <p>Bob Fizzell reported that the Quality Review Team has recommendations for two new members. Melanie Maiorino has expressed a desire to be reinstated on the QRT. Recruitment will continue to fill the remaining position(s) with people who can represent diverse communities within Clark County.</p> <p>Committee assignments will be reviewed at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Youth Transition Project is undergoing a national review this week.</p> <p>Recovery Vision Committee has been suspended due to the delay in start up of the intentional care program. Development of a consumer education plan, developed by consumers, will begin when CVAB is settled in their new location.</p> <p>Cultural Competency Committee – There will be a change in RSN leadership for this committee in September. Bob will attend a cultural specialist training in August. Lunch hour mini trainings have been suggested by providers and will be offered in the future.</p> <p>Judy Borchers attended the WA Behavioral Healthcare conference in June. There was helpful information on consumer outreach and housing eviction laws.</p> <p>August Mental Health Advisory Board meeting: Tracy will take a poll to see if a quorum will be in attendance at the August meeting.</p>	<p>Quan Tran</p> <p>Bob Fizzell</p> <p>Bob Fizzell</p> <p>Bob Fizzell</p> <p>Judy Borchers</p>	This item was tabled due to the lack of a quorum.
VI. Public Input	No public input.		

VII. Adjourn	Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.	David Weniger	
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